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The MCCS Safety Division is on a mission - to reduce the number of service members hurt in off-duty, recreational accidents - and tries to accomplish this mission through information campaigns.

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#### 4th FSSG reservists train, renew skills on Okinawa

Thirty-six Marines from 4th FSSG recently completed their annual two-week training requirement and renewed their knowledge by assisting units of 3rd FSSG as part of the Personnel Training Augmentation Program.

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#### Course teaches Marines how to survive in jungle

The two-week Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape Course allows Marines to learn about survival techniques they can use should they ever need to survive in a jungle environment.

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From camouflaged hilltop positions, Marines from 3/12, MCAGCC Twentynine Palms, Calif., practice tracking enemy movements in an environment different from what they are used to.

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#### Marines from 3/12 help out at Catholic home

In a tradition dating back to 1945, Marines donate their time and skills to help make needed repairs on structures and equipment at the Yamanaka Seibi Home for orphaned Japanese children.

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## October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

PFC. MARK S. ALLEN  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP FOSTER** — In an effort to promote health and awareness throughout the community during Breast Cancer Awareness Month starting Oct. 1, the Pacific Wellness Association will sponsor the 2001 Pearls of the Pacific Rim Breast Cancer Charity Ball at the Butler Officer's Club Oct. 20.

All proceeds from the charity ball will go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, whose mission is to eradicate breast cancer as a life threatening disease through research, education, screening, and treatment.

Along with supporting the Susan G. Komen Foundation, the charity ball will stress the importance of dangers and risk factors associated with breast cancer.

"The major factors of breast cancer are the female sex and getting older," said Air Force Col. Sarla Saujani, surgeon, 18th Medical Group, 18th Wing. "Relative risk factors include having the first menstruation cycle early in a girl's life, having the first child late in a woman's life, and being overweight. Maintaining a normal weight, breast feeding, and not smoking or drinking excessively can reduce the chances of getting breast cancer."

Two million women in America have died of breast cancer since 1960, making breast cancer the single most commonly diagnosed cancer in U.S. women, according to Saujani.

Knowing the risk factors can be vital to catching and treating the disease as soon as possible. Women, who are diagnosed with breast cancer while the cancer is in its first stage, have a 90 percent chance of early treatment and recovery, Suajani said.

"Newspapers commonly say that



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Navy Lt. Cmdr. Darren Davenport, radiology department head, U.S. Naval Hospital, analyzes a mammogram with a magnifying glass for indications of breast cancer.

one out of eight women get breast cancer in their life," Saujani said. "This statement brings on anxiety and is untrue. At the age of 70, only one out of 14 women will get breast cancer. I want women to know that breast cancer is not something they should worry about, but you have to do what needs to be done to detect the cancer early on. People talk about breast cancer prevention, but you can't totally prevent breast cancer. All you can rely on is early diagnosis."

Self-examinations, clinical examinations, and mammograms - x-rays taken of the breast - are a few ways to detect breast cancer.

Saujani suggests a schedule of examinations to detect breast cancer early. Women, ages 20 through 35, should perform a monthly self-examination, preferably after their menstruation cycle. At age 35, women should

have their first mammogram and continue their self-examinations.

Women between 40 and 50 years old should have a mammogram every two to three years depending on their doctor's recommendations and the patient's risk factors, Saujani said. After age 50, a woman should get a mammogram every year, along with their monthly self-examination.

"My whole family has had breast cancer, so I get a check-up every six months," said Lance Cpl. Tasha M. Arceneaux, Administrations clerk, G-1, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base. "It's just natural to worry about your health, but I think women need more awareness."

For more information on the Pearls of the Pacific Rim Breast Cancer Charity Ball 2001 or how to get tickets, contact the U.S. Naval Hospital at 645-2620.

## CFC campaign seeks to "Make a World of Difference"

LANCE CPL. KENNETH L. HINSON  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP KINSER** — The Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas announced its annual fund-raising campaign will begin Oct. 1 and run through Nov. 16, 2001.

The month-and-a-half long charity campaign will give eligible donors the opportunity to support the CFC

theme, and 'Make a World of Difference.'

During this period, donors can contribute to American and international charities, which support environmental protection, families in need of counseling, comfort for the dying, meals for hungry, access to water in Third World countries, renewed hope for millions of people in the global community and

many other eligible organizations. Those eligible to donate include all U.S. government personnel, military or civilian, Department of Defense contractors and foreign nationals employed by the United States.

"Each and every donor has a chance to make a difference this year, because their donations can reach out and touch the world through a charity

of their choice," said Chief Warrant Officer Donald J. Darling, CFC project officer. "I believe that every American can see the need to give to organizations that provide relief, and this is the quickest way for us overseas to provide support to our fellow Americans."

Formed in the 1960s, the CFC supports and promotes

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Preserve our honor with your responsible conduct.





# When is a power of attorney needed?

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — There are many occasions during the course of a military career that a power of attorney might be necessary. But, legal experts caution, do your homework before granting one to somebody.

"Typically, service members will need a power of attorney when they may be deploying or going overseas and leaving their loved ones behind to handle the affairs of the household," Navy Lt. Joan Malik said. Malik is a legal assistance attorney in the Pentagon's Joint Service Legal Assistance Office.

There are two basic types of power of attorney, special and general. A general power of attorney basically gives the person who holds it the power to conduct business in your name, Malik said.

Service members can grant a special power of attorney, which spells out the specific ways it can be used. She said the more specific a power of attorney is the better. This prevents people from using it for purposes other than those the service member intended.

"Don't give a general power of attorney to someone you don't trust wholeheartedly," she said. Base le-



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According to Navy Lt. Joan Malik, many service members will need to draw up a power of attorney at the Legal Office before deploying or changing duty assignments.

gal assistance attorneys can help service members determine which type of power of attorney will best meet their needs.

Service members commonly need to issue powers of attorney when they change assignments. They often leave their spouses behind to sell cars, move out of government quarters and myriad other things. Those spouses often need legal authorization to conduct the necessary business.

Service members may also need a power of attorney to provide to the person caring for their dependent children during a deployment or exercise. Caregivers may need a power of attorney to enroll children in school or other activities, Malik said.

Caregivers would particularly need a power of attorney to authorize medical treatment if a child needs it, she said.

Medical powers of attorney are used if a person becomes incapacitated and someone else needs to make medical decisions.

"This document designates who you want to speak on your behalf regarding your care," Malik said. She suggested sitting down with the person who holds your power of attorney to make sure they understand your wishes in different circumstances.

Generally, Malik explained, powers of attorney are granted for one year. She said a member can revoke a power of attorney in two ways if circumstances change.

The first and simpler is to physically destroy the original document, Malik said.

The second is to write a letter of revocation, have it notarized and send a copy to the person holding the power of attorney. It's best to also send a copy of the revocation to places where the person is likely to use the power of attorney, such as banks or moving companies.

Military service members and their families can have powers of attorney drawn up and notarized at most base legal assistance offices. Malik recommended service members call their legal assistance office if they have any questions about powers of attorney.

## MCCS Safety Div. strives to reduce recreational mishaps

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**CAMP FOSTER** — The Marine Corps Community Services Safety Division's mission is to reduce mishaps. Mishaps come in many forms, but through education and information military personnel can become aware of potential dangers, with help from the division's staff.

The Safety Division shows service members how to reduce off-duty mishaps through a series of teaching services.

Besides posting safety awareness signs around bases and giving units safety briefings at the unit's request, the Safety Division administers a series of off-duty recreational safety stand-downs islandwide.

The stand-downs and training briefs cover a wide spectrum of subjects concerning off-duty recreational safety. With the help of guest speakers from different MCCS branches, almost every aspect of recreational safety is covered.

The Safety Division focuses specifically on alcohol mishaps and fatalities, privately owned vehicles and motorcycle fatalities, sport related injuries and water related injuries and fatalities.

Shawn M. Curtis, aquatics manager, MCCS Semper Fit, briefs audiences on the dangers of water recreation to stress the importance of being educated on water safety.

"It's important, because every year we lose service members, friends, and loved ones that

could've been prevented if they had been educated," Curtis said. "Last year's incidents speak for themselves. Within eight days, we lost three people to drowning, and that's why we discuss basic water safety. Our goal is not to scare people from the water. We're just trying to educate."

When service members are confronted with possible mishaps or dangers off-duty, they can apply the basic principles of Operation Risk Management taught by the Safety Branch to reduce injuries and deaths.

"ORM is a process that when completely applied will assist individuals in identifying risks inherent to all activities, to include off-duty recreational, and reduce those risks to an acceptable level," said Carol G. Bayne, Safety Director, MCCS Safety Division. "Our purpose for emphasizing the ORM process within this safety stand-down is to provide our Marine Corps personnel with the tools they'll need to reduce risk associated with various recreational and other off-duty activities so operational readiness remains at a high tempo. We believe it's a simple proven logical process."

ORM is a five-step process that identifies hazards, assesses hazards, makes risk-conscious decisions, implements control of the situation and supervises changes to a situation, to learn from one's decisions.

"ORM was established many years ago and has been the backbone of our aviator's high success rate in keeping serious mishaps down to a minimum. The Commandant of the Marine Corps rec-



FILE PHOTO

Diving is a favorite past time for Marines, but could also be dangerous if divers are not careful. MCCS Safety Branch continues to educate Marines on off-duty mishaps to help prevent Marines from getting hurt or killed off-duty.

ognized this process as having unquestionable merit and has geared all safety campaigns related to operational, tactical, off-duty and holiday safety toward incorporating the ORM process. Since the Commandant's directed initiatives at the beginning of last year, steady success has been achieved in decreasing the fatalities and mishaps of military personnel," Bayne said.

Last year, the Safety Division had a goal of decreasing mishaps by 25 percent.

There has been a 28 percent decrease in mishaps involving service members since last year. "The slight improvement noted is not cause for celebration in the safety community," Bayne said. "We believe even one mishap or fatality is one too many."

"When our folks walk away from these briefings, they'll be better informed and prepared to manage the many risks they face on a daily basis and become more aware of their surroundings and think safety before they do," Bayne said.

For more information on off-duty recreation safety contact the MCBJ Safety Branch at 645-3806.

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- Shawn M. Curtis



# Reservists train with 3rd FSSG

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**CAMP KINSER** — In an effort to refresh their Military Occupational Specialty skills, 36 Marine Corps Reservists from the 4th Force Service Support Group participated in the Personnel Training Augmentation Program II held Sept. 8-22.

The program, sponsored by 3rd Force Service Support Group, gives the reservists an opportunity to train on active duty and complete their two weeks of annual training. In addition, the reservists assisted the 3rd FSSG units in preparation for a Field Supply and Maintenance Analysis Office inspection.

"The Marine Reservists play a vital role in support of operations and exercises within 3rd FSSG," said Maj. John R. Gambrino, operations officer, 3rd FSSG. "They (reservists) provide support in maintaining a high state of equipment readiness."

In June more than 50 reservists participated in PTAP I. During PTAP I the reservists fixed and cleaned equipment used during Exercise Team Challenge in preparation for shipment back to Okinawa from Australia and Thailand.

For PTAP II the reservists helped 3rd FSSG units prepare for an upcoming FSMAO inspection.

During their training, they performed numerous maintenance tasks, including battery replacement on vehicles, fixing a steering box in a High Mobility Multi-Purpose Wheeled Vehicle and conducting limited technical inspections on vehicles.

The reservists participating in PTAP II were administrative clerks, engineers, supply clerks, mechanics and embark clerks assigned to Headquarters and Service Bn., MRB, Transport Support Bn., and Engineer Support Bn.

For many reservists it was a good experience.

"This (annual training) is a refresher course," said Lance Cpl. Thomas M. Moore IV, a diesel mechanic with 2nd Direct Support Platoon, 4th Maintenance Battalion, 4th FSSG. "When you don't do it (as a diesel mechanic) often, you can get out of the groove of it."

Moore, who has been a reservist for two years, works as a mechanic for a Cadillac dealership in Florence, S.C., when not performing his skills for the Marine Corps.

Moore believes the training has given him more discipline and has taught him how to prioritize equipment when it comes in to be fixed.

"It is my job to fix the equipment as quickly as possible and get it back



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Lance Cpl. Matthew T. Mickens, a diesel mechanic with 2nd Direct Support Platoon, 4th Maintenance Bn., 4th FSSG, tightens a hose on a 5-ton wrecker while serving his two weeks of annual training with Motor Transportation Section, 3rd MRB, 3rd FSSG.

to the Marine who needs it to accomplish his or her mission," Moore said. "It has also helped build more confidence in taking apart equipment and putting it back together quicker."

Lance Cpl. Matthew T. Mickens also believes that the annual training is very important.

"By not working as a mechanic in my civilian job, I have forgotten a few things," said Mickens, a diesel mechanic with 2nd Direct Support Platoon, 4th Maintenance Battalion, 4th FSSG. "But with the help of Lance Cpl. Moore, it started coming back to me, and I was able to accomplish the mission."

Mickens works as a welder and overhead crane operator in Columbia, S.C.

With the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, Mickens and Moore realized how important it is to be prepared and proficient in their jobs. Recently, the President declared a partial mobilization of some 35,000 reservists. Of these reservists, 7,500 are Marines.

"This trip has made me realize that I need to be prepared for times such as the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon," Mickens said. "I need to be ready in case I am called to defend my country."

Some Marines think reservists are on a two-week vacation when they check in, according to Mickens.

"But, since we have been here, we have been treated like Marines, and that feels good," he said.

# MCCS offers new membership card to patrons

## New card blends features of club card with credit card

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**CAMP FOSTER** — Marine Corps Community Services has started offering a new MCCS Membership Card to active duty, reserve, retired military, Department of Defense civilians and federal employees.

The new MCCS Membership Card joined with Master Card and offers new options and features. The MCCS Membership Card is scheduled to replace the MCCS Club Card Nov. 1.

"It's a club card, but since we're merging with Master Card through First USA Bank, it becomes a good, competitive credit card," said Master Gunnery Sgt. Troy B. Landmesser, MCCS chief.

Current MCCS members must complete an application for the new card in order for their memberships to stay in effect. The old card will be void on Nov. 1. Applications are available at all clubs.

There are three new MCCS Membership Cards that service members can apply for, depending on their current credit history.

Those who have no credit history or don't meet Master Card eligibility requirements will receive the MCCS Proprietary Card, which is not a credit card but has a \$500 maximum limit and can be used at all MCCS clubs.

"Receiving a Proprietary Card does not mean the customer has bad credit," Landmesser said. "Some customers who already have a platinum



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The MCCS Membership Card is the first MCCS Club Card that is also a credit card. The MCCS Membership Card joined with Master Card and can be used at 20 million venues worldwide.

card may simply not be eligible for another. MCCS is hoping you will compare this card's benefits to one you already own."

People with good credit history can receive the classic MCCS Membership Card or the platinum MCCS Membership Card. The classic card has a limit of \$1,000 to \$5,000, while the platinum card has a limit over \$5,000.

With high maximum limits, MCCS was hesitant about offering the membership card to E-3's or below, Landmesser said.

"I think an E-3 could mess up with debt just as easy as an E-5," said Lance Cpl. John K. Nieves, vehicle registration clerk, Vehicle Registrations, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base. "I support them offering the cards to E-3's and below."

"You're probably not going to go bankrupt with this card, but you might get in a little bit of trouble," Landmesser said. "Credit cards help build credit and are a great tool, if you know how to use them. If you pay off this card's balance in full, you will not have to pay any interest."

The MCCS Membership Card has five ways for customers to pay off their balance and avoid interest fees.

"You can pay off your balance by mail, by using our toll-free phone number, by auto-debit, at MCCS clubs or online," Landmesser said. "Even if you were deployed, you could use a phone and pay off your balance."

Besides convenient balance payments, the MCCS Membership Card has competitive rates to attract new customers. The classic and platinum cards have an initial introductory rate of 2.9 percent for the first six months on balance transfers and a prime plus five percent variable rate thereafter.

Receiving the card also makes the customer a MCCS member and gives the customer access to MCCS savings and coupons.

"This is going to become a survival card on Okinawa," Landmesser said. "Without this card, you must have money to waste because people who are members are going to start noticing big savings."

For more information or to apply for the new card, applications are available at all MCCS clubs.

Effective Oct. 1, two new coupons will be available in the "Okinawa Marine" for \$1 off any MCCS purchases of \$5 or more and \$2 off any MCCS purchases of \$10 or more for members only.



# Flag Code dictates proper display of our national ensign

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In the wake of the recent terrorist attacks on the United States, our nation's people have responded with patriotism by displaying the National Ensign on nearly every house, every car and every surface where a flag can be posted. The outpouring of patriotic emotions has helped some people deal with this tragedy, but the flag must still be displayed according to The Flag Code.

The Flag Code, which formalizes and unifies the traditional ways in which we give respect to the flag, also contains specific instructions on how

the flag is not to be used.

## The Flag Code

When the flag is displayed from a staff projecting from a window, balcony, or a building, the union (stars) should be at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half-staff. When it is displayed from the same flagpole with another flag – of a state, community, society or Scout unit – the flag of the United States must always be at the top except that the church pennant may be flown above the flag during church services for Navy personnel when conducted by a Naval chaplain on a ship at sea.

The flag must be illuminated when flown at night.

When the flag is displayed over a street, it should be hung vertically, with the union to the north or east. If the flag is suspended over a sidewalk, the flag's union should be farthest from the building.

When flown with flags of states, communities, or societies on separate flagpoles, which are of the same height and in a straight line, the flag of the United States is always placed in the position of honor – to its own right.

The other flags may be smaller but none may be larger. No other flag ever should be placed above it. The flag of the United States is always the first flag raised and the last to be lowered.

When flown with the national ban-



ner of other countries, each flag must be displayed from a separate pole of the same height.

Each flag should be the same size. They should be raised and lowered simultaneously.

The flag of one nation may not be displayed above that of another nation.

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human welfare through a program that is employee-focused, cost-efficient and effective in providing all Federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all, according to a recent CFC message. Consequently, the CFC remains the largest and only authorized employee solicitation in the Federal workplace on behalf of charitable organizations.

The CFC-O provides donors with a personal CFC brochure, which lists eligible organizations. The brochure gives donors the personal freedom to select which organization(s) they wish to support.

"There are more than 1,300 organizations to choose from," Darling said. "With this wide variety, everyone should be able to find an organization that they believe in."

Donors also have the freedom to choose the amount they wish to donate to the CFC-O. A minimum gift of \$1 a month is required for military personnel who decide to contribute by allotment, and for civilians, \$1 per pay period is required. There is no limit to the amount of the gift.

After choosing which organization(s) they wish to support, donors may contribute through payroll deduction, which provides a simple and cost-effective way to support programs and issues. Last year, more than 90 percent of CFC-O funds raised were given through payroll deduction.

"Payroll deduction allows donations to be spread out over a one year period instead of paying a one-time lump sum of money," Darling said. "It also allows donors to plan and maintain a budget for the donation."

Payroll deduction pledges will begin the first pay period in January 2002. Donors may also donate with cash or check because all gifts are welcome.

Donors also have the opportunity to give back to their local community through the Family Support and Youth Activity Programs. All donations to the FSYP are returned to the local commander to use for local projects or programs.

"By designating FSYP on your pledge card, you will be providing for activities on Okinawa such as youth sports, after school reading programs, intervention and support services and emergency assistance," Darling expressed. "This is an excellent way to donate funds to be used for direct support of local programs."

Last year, the CFC-O set a fund-raising record by raising more than \$9.9 million dollars for charitable organizations. Darling feels this year's campaign will be a continuation of last year's success.

"Contributors can have an impact on the world or their local community this year by selecting where they want their contribution to go," Darling concluded. "Each and every donor has the chance to make a difference because their donation can touch the world through a charity of their choice."

For more information on the CFC, call the Command Area Project Officer of the major command your unit falls under:

- III Marine Expeditionary Force – Capt. Quinn at 622-7773
- 1st Marine Aircraft Wing – Maj. Ross at 645-7379 or Staff Sgt. Parra at 645-2937
- 3rd Marine Division – 2nd Lt. Roe at 622-7458
- 3rd Force Service Support Group – 2nd Lt. Rak at 637-2505
- Marine Corps Base – Master Sgt. Caplinger at 636-7404
- Marine Corps Air Station Futenma – Warrant Officer Geltmacher at 636-3006

## Marine group gives scholarships to crash victims' kids

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AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — Every child who lost a parent in the terrorist attack on the Pentagon Sept. 11 will receive a \$10,000 college scholarship bond from the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation Inc., Corps Commandant Gen. James L. Jones said Sept. 19.

"They're going to take care of the sons and daughters of anyone who lost their lives in the attack on the Pentagon, and that includes the passengers on the airliner," he said.

Former Marines and members of federal law enforcement agencies formed the foundation on Jan. 2, 1995. Through donations and a variety of fund-raising activities, the group has since distributed more than \$3 million in assistance to the children of active duty Marines or of federal law enforcement personnel "who lost their lives on active duty or died under extraordinary circumstances," Jones said.

"The Marine Corps is coordinating with the other services to ensure that all the families are contacted," the Commandant said. He noted that no bureaucratic paperwork is involved. Recipients have only to fill out a simple form and present it to the foundation.

For more information, visit the Law Enforcement Foundation Web site at [www.mc-lef.org](http://www.mc-lef.org).



**Name:** Choken Yara  
**Job title:** Motor Transport Specialist  
**Hometown:** Okinawa City, Okinawa

## Civilian Spotlight

In 1962, then a young man, Choken Yara was fresh out of school and looking for the best job opportunity he could find with the most pay.

"I started working for the bases on Okinawa because I needed a job and back then the U.S. military offered a lot," said Yara, motor transport specialist, Motor Transport Branch, G-4, Marine Corps Base. "When I started, I made \$20 a month. Soon after, I made \$35 dollars a month while my brother made \$30 working for the Japanese Police."

Yara started working for the U.S. Army as a security guard at what is now Camp Kinser. He continued his security role for about two years before becoming a driver for the Motor Transport Branch at Camp McTureous.

During the next 13 years, Yara made his way up the ladder of promotions from a small vehicle driver to tractor-trailer driver. In 1975, Yara left Camp

McTureous and found a new home at Camp Foster.

Now after almost 40 years, Yara has held almost every position at the Motor Transport Branch from mechanic to driver to foreman. As the motor transport specialist, Yara is now in charge of all the Master Labor Contract employees at the branch. He oversees the planning, operation and overall control for each civilian employee, but he sometimes wishes he could be a driver again.

"Things seemed much simpler as a driver," Yara said. "This job can be very difficult for me, especially since my English is not that good."

As difficult as Yara's job might get, he knows that he has two things he looks forward to – retirement and fishing.

"I retire in two more years," Yara said. "I want to move to northern Okinawa and find a small island where I can spend most of my time fishing."

Even though retirement seems just around the corner for Yara, he admits he will miss being able to work with Marines and socializing with them at unit functions, like going to the beach.





## NJP REPORT

The following are alcohol-related nonjudicial punishments for Sept. 16-22.

### • Underage drinking

A private with Transportation Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of \$521 pay for one month and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

Two privates first class with TSB, 3rd FSSG, were found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of \$584 pay per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

A private first class with Materiel Readiness Bn., 3rd FSSG, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$241 pay per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

A lance corporal with Headquarters and Service Company, 3rd Marine Division, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of \$283 pay for one month and restriction and extra duties for 14 days.

### • Drunk and disorderly and consuming alcohol with underage Marines

A lance corporal with TSB, 3rd FSSG, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of being drunk and disorderly and consuming alcohol with underage Marines. Punishment: forfeiture of \$607 pay per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

### • Drunk and disorderly

A lance corporal with Headquarters Bn., 3rd Mar. Div., was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of being drunk and disorderly. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$584 pay per month for two months and restriction for 60 days.

A corporal with Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Mar. Div., was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of being drunk and disorderly. Punishment: reduction to E-3, forfeiture of \$691 pay per month for two months and restriction for 60 days.

### • Underage drinking and drunkenness

Two lance corporals with 7th Communication Bn., III Marine Expeditionary Force, were found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of underage drinking and drunkenness. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$584 pay per month for two months and restriction for 60 days.



## CHAPELS

The following lists the times for religious services available at the specified camps or bases. Contact the local chapel to verify religious services start times.

### Camp Hansen Chapels (623-4694)

#### Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass (East Chapel) 10 a.m.

#### Protestant

Sunday Worship (West Chapel) 11 a.m.

#### Latter Day Saints

Sunday (West Chapel) 1 p.m.

#### Lutheran

Sunday (East Chapel) 11 a.m.



GUNNERY SGT. MATT HEVEZI

## Fuji style

Sergeant Ian M. Janos, 20, of Smithton, Pa., demonstrates a throwing technique on Pfc. Michael Wallace Jr., 20, of Whitney, Texas, Sept. 24 at Camp Fuji, Japan. The training is part of the Marine Corps' martial arts training program which conditions Leathernecks for close quarters, hand-to-hand combat. Janos and Wallace were among 130 Marines from Battery A, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, participating in the training. The Marines spend at least five hours per week practicing the martial arts techniques. "When all your rounds are gone, it's close combat that will keep you alive," Janos said.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Coronation Ball

The Okinawa Filipino-American Association will crown the Little Mr./Ms. Fil-Am at a coronation ball Oct. 6 at the Habu Pit on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma.

Social hour begins at 4 p.m. and will be followed by dinner at 5 p.m.

Ticket prices are free for children ages 5 years old and younger, \$10 for ages 6-12 and \$25 for ages 13 and up.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting Master Gunnery Sgt. Ernest Davis at [davisew@III.mef.usmc.mil](mailto:davisew@III.mef.usmc.mil), or Chief Bryan Bliss at 643-7498, 646-4890 or [blissbk@oki10.med.navy.mil](mailto:blissbk@oki10.med.navy.mil).

### 18th Services football registration

Registration for Kadena Youth Sports and Fitness football (flag and tackle) and cheerleading will be held Oct. 1-12 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, at Bldg. 1849, the Youth Center on Kadena.

Flag football is offered for youth ages 7-10 and tackle football is available for youth ages 11-15. Cheerleading is offered for girls and boys ages 7-15. Registration will be conducted on a first come, first served basis, as space is limited.

The fee for flag football and cheerleading is \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members. Tackle football is \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members.

Each child must have a physical examination on file with the Youth Center prior to the first game.

For more information, contact Kadena Youth Sports and Fitness at 634-1834 or 634-1614.

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The School of Advanced Warfighting is an 11-month in-resident program at Marine Corps University which concentrates on developing decision making and com-

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Requirements for the class are: a major enrolled in Command & Staff College DEP 8800 who has graduated or will graduate by July 2002, must not have failed selection to lieutenant colonel, must not be a lieutenant colonel select or promoted to lieutenant colonel at the time of application, must have Manpower Mobilization Officer Assignment approval and must meet minimum time of service requirements.

The course is open to all military occupational specialties, but officers selected to command recruiting stations are not eligible.

For more information, contact Col. James P. Hopkins, USMC retired, at 645-2230.

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The below listed programs will be broadcast on Channel 7 each day Sept. 28-Oct. 4. Run times are listed in italics.

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# Images of terror unite Americans in a common cause



GUNNERY SGT. KENT FLORA  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

I had just finished watching a movie with my wife when I thought I was watching another one – an incredibly bad one.

Who would put together a movie about terrorists crashing two planes into the World Trade Center? What production company would buy that?

The images and scenes, now burned into my retina, seemed to be from a Hollywood studio but no familiar faces.

I know, I said to myself, it's a new show – reality TV, like "Big Brother" or "Survivor." Had to be, right?

I mean the explosion didn't even look real – you could tell it was done on a computer. And, besides, no one would do that to America – land that I LOVE – stand beside her and guide her...or would they? How could they – how dare they? Couldn't happen here – but it has.

Like so many of us, I have watched other countries and the struggle against modern-day terrorism on the evening news.

But, until now, it had always been further away – in Ireland, in Israel, in OTHER countries thousands of miles away.

America has finally been touched by the long-arm of modern-day, international terrorism and now it's time to ante up. It has become a part of our everyday lives – like it or not.

Newspaper headlines have told of the horror that now includes and involves America in the struggle against terrorism.

For several days the main-page monikers read "America Under Attack," "Terror From The Skies" or "Infamy."

Disbelief of the event that shocked most of us had turned to sadness and tears and from that, over the last few days, many Americans are experiencing anger and pure rage.

Now the newspapers tell of a different story; of "America United." It is a story of a once again united people, a "Re" – United States of America.

We have united under a common rage against terror, and we as Americans stand together regardless of our social, economical and political differences – if only other countries could be as fortunate.

Television brought images into our homes of people who never met before, embracing one another, comforting each other and tending to the wounds of a tossed nation. We heard the stories of courage – of two men carrying an elderly woman down 68 flights of stairs and getting her to safety before the metal giant crashed to earth. We also heard of a selfless man who stayed with his wheelchair-bound companion so he wouldn't be alone, to ease his fear – both of them died.

President Abraham Lincoln wrote, "that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion – that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom..."

A new birth of freedom that is secure from terror – those that died did not die in vain. Our re-

solve as a nation has never been so focused as made crystal clear by President Bush when he announced to the country, and the world, that the new focus for his administration is to combat and stop terrorism cold.

Other countries have rallied behind us as we lead the way in the war of the new millennium, the war on terrorism. Tears have been cried for more than an estimated 6,600 dead and missing of more than 80 countries on September 11, 2001.

During this restoration period, the nation's cry is "Never Again," and our president, holding the badge of a New York City Policeman, has urged us to "Remember."

There are a few dates that I'll recall in my lifetime because of their significance: July 20, 1969 – first man on the moon; August 9, 1974 – resignation of a President; April 30, 1975 – fall of Saigon; January 28, 1986 – space shuttle Challenger catastrophe; January 17, 1991 – Persian Gulf War; October 8, 1998 – resolution for impeachment of a President. And now a new date has been added to the list; a date I won't forget.

I don't know all the facts and like most us, probably never will. I have searched the web, listened to all I can and gotten a pretty accurate description of the events and the investigation and have formed my own opinion.

I'm betting that the director of this "Bad Movie" won't win the "Oscar," and I can guarantee I'll remember Sept. 11, 2001.

Regardless of who each of us believe committed this calculated, purposeful act of terror, one thing is for sure, the rally cries have once again been heard and the flag still flies high over a re-united and proud country. "Never Again."

## What Would You Do?

The following examination of leadership issues is not intended to present right or wrong answers. The goal is to provide a forum to encourage leadership discussions of challenging issues. Chaplain responses are designed to provide moral and ethical guidance. Questions, comments or ideas for a future scenario may be submitted to: [editor@mcbbutler.usmc.mil](mailto:editor@mcbbutler.usmc.mil).

### Lending a helping hand

You are a lance corporal. You have two friends, also lance corporals, and they have been having trouble working together lately. They are roommates; they work in the same office, and they are always fighting. You have seen them physically fight and you want it to stop, but you don't want to get either of your friends into trouble.

What do you do?

### What the Marines said

**Private first class with 1st Marine Aircraft Wing:** I would find a way to get them both to talk to their chain of command to get themselves separated.

**Private first class with Marine Corps Base:** I would talk to each one of them separately and try to resolve the problem.

**Private first class with 1st MAW:** I would get both of them to have a heart-to-heart and get it all squared away.

### What the Chaplain said

**Chaplain:** The natural inclination of many is to knock the nogginns of these two hardheads together to jar some sense into them. However, such an impulse is the wrong thing to do.

Instead of making things better, we would become a part of the problem by doing the exact same thing as these two brother Marines – trying to resolve interpersonal problems through physical and verbal attacks.

Violence in word or deed never resolves our interpersonal troubles. Instead, it ignores the underlying cause(s) of our relational problems. Violence deepens rifts between us; it doesn't bring us together!

Violence usually stems from a lack of problem-solving tools, especially communication skills. When we don't feel heard and understood, we grow angry and lash out, even at friends and loved ones.

Our interpersonal problems are never solved without open, honest communication. I commend the young private first class who wisely spoke of the importance of these two friends talking together and working to resolve their differences. As our two hardhead friends lack such skills, they need a coach to help them learn how.

Communication is a skill that can be taught, developed or neglected. Just as we can rely on instructors to improve our ability to shoot or swim, we can similarly rely on our chaplains and trusted mentors to help improve our ability to communicate – to hear and be heard, to understand and be understood.

Want a better workplace, home life, marriage, or friendship? Sharpen your communication skills!

- Navy Cmdr. Travis M. Phillips Jr. Assistant Division Chaplain, 3rd Marine Division



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# Survival: Pushing Marines to brink of exhaustion



## SERE Course teaches Marines to survive in jungle

LANCE CPL. JAMES S. MCGREGOR  
 COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**JUNGLE WARFARE TRAINING CENTER** — The sky showers rain as the tree canopy collects and disperses the rain onto the Marines below. Four Marines huddle around a small fire cooking their dinner next to a crude shelter made from branches of trees and ferns.

The Marines share and eat the meat of a snake. It may not be the most pleasant meal, but it was all they could catch with their knife and homemade tools. They are surviving in the jungle by using the jungle.

The students of the two-week Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape Course here live in the jungle with almost no equipment. Before they are left to fend for themselves, students learn how to eat, sleep and keep dry and warm with only the use of their surroundings. The training could prove valuable to the graduates of the course if they ever become cut off from their unit in the jungle.

The students learned how to make a variety of shelters constructed with trees, branches, bamboo and ferns. They were also instructed on how to naturally create a fire. Since the Marines did not bring any food to the field with them, they also had to know what parts of their surroundings could and could not be eaten. The Marines ate wild animals and reptiles and plants. They also learned proper water sources, such as clean streams, to give them their water. This was all part of the practical application portion of the SERE Course.

"It's good knowledge that Marines need," said Cpl. Nicholas J. Thunker, student in the course from A Company, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment. "It's something you would need if you were cut off from your unit and put into a survival situation, or if you were taken as a prisoner of war," Thunker said.

"They teach us exciting things here," said Cpl. Michael J. Haddle, a student from I Company, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines. "We learned what we can and can't eat and how to survive with nothing but a Ka-bar and 550 cord. We learned that we take a lot for granted with our gear."

Even though the skills they learn during the course are only a first step toward being completely self-sufficient in the jungle, the lessons teach the fundamentals and reinforce survivability.

"This is B-level SERE training," said Cpl. Mike J. Altier, instructor, JWTC. "Level stresses on survival. Marines have to get their own food and make their own shelters with nothing. Also, the average weight loss during the two-week course ranges from 18-20 pounds."

This knowledge and practical application training will help these Marines like no other Marines have known before, according to Altier.

"Throughout history, prisoners of war didn't have training that we have now, and they have done well," Altier said. "Now that Marines have the proper training they will be ready if the situation comes."

The Marines may not have enjoyed the days spent surviving in the jungle, surviving on plants and jungle creatures, but they were happy to receive the training.

"It's a pain, and I can't wait for it to be over, but I'm still glad I'm doing it," said Thunker. "I'll probably lose 20 pounds by the end."

Haddle echoed his fellow Marine's thoughts by saying the survival skills he learned will make him a better Marine.

"The training is hard, but when you're with a ground unit and you get separated, you still have more equipment, and you'll be better off and surviving will be easier," Haddle said. "I hope it doesn't happen, but the training will be very helpful if I'm in that situation."



LANCE CPL. JAMES S. MCGREGOR

Cpl. Nicholas J. Thunker, student from Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, arranges bamboo, branches and ferns to build a shelter during SERE training Sept. 21 at the Jungle Warfare Training Center.





LANCE CPL. JAMES S. MCGREGOR  
Weary students take a short break during SERE training Sept. 21 at the Jungle Warfare Training Center.

LANCE CPL. JAMES S. MCGREGOR  
Instructors start a fire while the students build shelters during SERE training Sept. 21 at the Jungle Warfare Training Center.





Marines inside an observation post use camouflage ponchos to provide protection from rain, sun and enemy detection. Lance Cpls. Jason M. Abel, right, and Justin R. Harris, left, watch as Cpl. Marquis R. Porter sends artillery fire-support requests with a digital messaging system. The Marines are assigned to Battery L, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment. They recently spent several days training at Camp Fuji, Japan, during an artillery live-fire exercise.

## Observation teams provide battlefield vision

STORY AND PHOTOS BY GUNNERY SGT. MATT HEVEZI  
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**CAMP FUJI, Japan** — They always have the best seat in the house. The only catch is that their house is always outdoors. And the people they watch usually want to kill them.

From secret hilltop positions, it's the forward observers, teamed with radiomen, who become the "eyes" on the battlefield. And when they see enemy movement in their sector, it doesn't take long before their report brings down a thunderstorm of artillery fire.

It's not a glamorous job for the teams who live days in the bush, usually in positions forward of supporting units. Conditions are often harsh.

"I've spent 29 days in the field without a shower," said Lance Cpl. Jason M. Abel, 21, a forward observer from Los Angeles, assigned to Battery L, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, who was among the 395 Marines from 3/12 participating in live-fire training at Camp Fuji during September.

"You can stay clean for the first few days by using babywipes," Abel said. "But after awhile, the babywipes just don't cut it and you start to feel grimy." He said baby wipes are always at the top of his list for gear to bring along.

Weather can also be a challenge for the observation teams.

During summer at training areas near Twentynine Palms, Calif., Abel said temperatures frequently soar into the triple digits. But the observation teams must stay put to send in their reports.

"In August we were out there when it was 128 de-

grees," Abel said. "It was so hot, when the water from my canteen touched my lips, it was like I was drinking hot chicken broth."

For Cpl. Marquis Porter, 21, a radioman from Boston, though field conditions can be rough, it's the view from high above the battlefield that makes his job exciting.

"We get to do and see a lot of stuff most other Marines don't get to," Porter said. "We get to see a lot of combined arms and close air support."

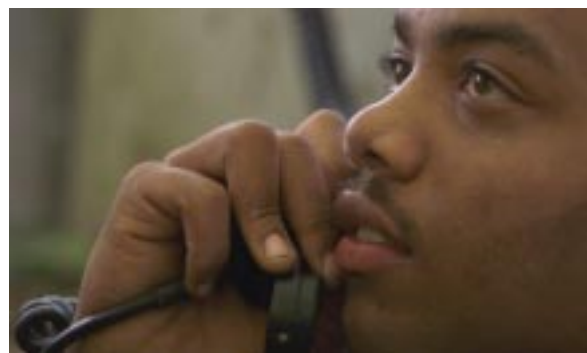
Combined arms are when two or more different weapons or weapons systems are combined simultaneously to destroy enemy troops, equipment or positions. Close air support means attack aircraft aid forces on the ground with air-to-ground munitions.

"It's one of those things where when you see it for the first time you're in awe," Porter said. "When those Harrier jets make bombing runs, TOW missiles are firing and artillery rounds are impacting ... it's like what you would see in the movies," he said.

Since much of their job is to place calls for artillery support for infantry companies moving through the areas in their zone, the observation teams work closely with the infantrymen.

"Out here, you get a good idea of what it's like to be in the infantry," Porter said. "Plus we do a lot of cross training with each others' jobs so that if something happens to us in battle, we can do the other guy's job."

Observation teams are usually made of two radiomen and two forward observers. One of the observers is a lieutenant and the other is a junior enlisted Marine. Forward observers get their training at four weeks of school at Ft. Sill, Okla.; then an addi-



Inside an observation post at a training area near Camp Fuji, Japan, Cpl. Marquis R. Porter, a radio operator assigned to Battery L, 3rd Bn., 12th Marine Regiment, monitors a PRC119 radio for artillery support requests.

tional two weeks at Coronado, Calif., where they learn to coordinate naval gunfire support.

The radiomen attend six-weeks of schooling at Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Abel says observation teams stay busy. They spend an average of about 130 days per year deployed. This year he has already been deployed for 180 days, he said.

His unit is currently attached to 3/12 as part of the Unit Deployment Program, which rotates stateside artillery batteries to Okinawa for six months. His unit is home-based at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms.

Camp Fuji is just one of four mainland Japan training areas where the UDP batteries attached to 3/12 practice their artillery drills.



# Reunited: After 20 years, two friends finally stationed together

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP FOSTER** — They have been in the Marine Corps for more than 22 years and have tried to be stationed together to no avail.

It was not until recently that their persistence paid off.

Master Sergeants Eric Alexander Russell, motor transport chief, Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, and Joseph Sawyer Jr., staff noncommissioned officer in charge, Combat Visual Information Center, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base, have finally been reunited.

With more than 28 years of friendship between them, Russell and Sawyer have formed an unbreakable bond.

However, friendship was not the first thing on their minds when they first met. The now best friends started out as enemies rather than brothers.

It all started when Russell transferred to a new junior high school during the eighth grade.

Russell, the new kid in the neighborhood, got into some fights, according to Sawyer.

"We often fought each other," Sawyer said jokingly as Russell laughed.

As Russell and Sawyer started to get to know each other, they realized that fighting was getting them nowhere.

From there, a friendship grew and Russell and Sawyer started to do more together. In junior high, their love of sports and music drew them even closer.

Russell and Sawyer graduated high school in June 1979. Each had different plans for their future. Russell continued to work as a small engine mechanic after graduation while Sawyer worked as a parks and recreation counselor.

Sawyer planned for college, but Russell had a different idea. Russell was about to take the road that would lead them to where they are today.

"I knew that I was going to join the military," Russell said.

"I had my sights on the Army until I found out about this strange animal called the Marine Corps."

Russell, who wanted to be one of the few and the proud, went to the local recruiting office and signed up Aug. 7, 1979. He enlisted to be a motor transport operator in the Marine Corps Reserve.

The day before Sawyer was to leave for college, the two were having what they thought would be their last dinner together.

But the next day when Russell went to Sawyer's house to say one last goodbye, Sawyer announced that he had made up his mind and was going to join the Marine Corps also.

Sawyer enlisted in the Marine Corps

on an open contract just three days after Russell.

However, Sawyer did not know that Russell joined the Marine Corps Reserve.

They went to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., under the buddy program, which allowed them to be assigned the same platoon where Pvt. Russell was the 1st squad leader and Pvt. Sawyer was the 3rd squad leader.

"I was a hard head in boot camp," Sawyer said. "I would get into arguments with the other squad leaders, and Russell would always be there to calm me down. I think I relied on Russell more than he relied on me."

With only two weeks left in boot camp, Sawyer found that Russell joined the reserves.

"He forgot to tell me," Russell said. "Needless to say, I was mad. He was going to go home, and I was stuck in the Marine Corps."

After boot camp and their Military Occupation Schools, Russell returned home to serve with 8th Tank Battalion in Miami, Fla. Sawyer received orders to Hawaii.

In February 1980, Russell phoned Sawyer in Hawaii to tell him that he was going on active duty and was trying to be stationed with him.

Unfortunately Russell's dream did not come true. The closest Russell could get was 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, El Toro, Calif. The two would talk on the phone and joke that they would someday be stationed together.

While serving at 3rd MAF, Russell received orders to Okinawa. Shortly afterward, Sawyer informed Russell that he was going on a deployment and his unit might be stopping in Okinawa.

Soon after, Sawyer's deployment was confirmed for a stop in Okinawa.

On the day Sawyer was to arrive, Russell had the day off and caught a ride to Camp Hansen to locate Sawyer.

"While I was looking for Sawyer, he was looking for me at Camp Foster,"

Russell said.

Although trying several times, the two were not able to reunite.

However, Sawyer and Russell never gave up their quest to be stationed together.

In July 1983, Sawyer made a lateral move to the field of combat camera and was meritoriously promoted to the rank of sergeant in February 1984.

In 1991 Sawyer and Russell would be stationed close together. Russell, then a staff sergeant, was a drill instructor at Marine Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif., and Sawyer, a sergeant, received orders to recruiter school at the same duty station.

Although Sawyer's school was only for three months, they would get to-



PHOTO COURTESY MASTER SGT. JOSEPH SAWYER JR.  
Master Sgt. Eric Russell, left, poses in his mess dress uniform with Master Sgt. Joseph Sawyer Jr. and his wife, Tracey, at a Marine Corps Ball when both were gunnery sergeants.

gether when their schedule permitted and laughed about how one would try to get people to join the Marine Corps while the other would see if he could "cut the mustard."

Soon, they parted again but kept in touch by phone and e-mail.

It was during the summer of 1997 that the two were again fortunate to serve close together. Russell, a gunnery sergeant serving as a platoon sergeant at Officer Candidates School, Quantico, Va., would meet Sawyer, also a gunnery sergeant stationed at Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C., as often as he could and talk about old times.

While at Headquarters Marine Corps, Sawyer served as the head photographer for the Commandant of the Marine Corps and staff noncommissioned officer of the photo lab section, Administration Resources.

Upon completion of instructing at OCS, Russell returned to the University of Mississippi to serve as the Assistant Marine Officer Instructor. After AMOI duty, Russell received accompanied orders to Okinawa and Sawyer received orders to Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C., and both were selected for master sergeant.

After 22 years, Sawyer and Russell received orders to Okinawa and to the same unit.

Since they have been on Okinawa, the two have been inseparable.

"We do everything together," Russell said. "We fish, barbecue,

golf, play chess and work with the teen and youth centers."

Sawyer volunteered to go to Okinawa unaccompanied so he could be stationed with Russell. Russell has extended his tour on Okinawa as Sawyer prepares to go to Quantico, Va.



E. RUSSELL

PHOTO COURTESY MASTER SGT. ERIC RUSSELL



J. SAWYER, JR.

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# Marines continue volunteer tradition



Lance Cpl. Sean M. Hass, 21, from Omaha, Neb., sands rusted monkey bars at the Yamanaka Seibi Home Sept. 20 in Yamanaka, Japan. Hass was one of 32 Marines from the Okinawa-based 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, who volunteered their spare time to help renovate the weathered playground equipment.

## Marines from 3/12 help kids at Catholic home

STORY AND PHOTOS BY GUNNERY SGT. MATT HEVEZI  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**YAMANAKA, Japan** — They do it for the kids. They do it for tradition.

Since 1945, Marines have been coming here volunteering their time and sweat to make the Yamanaka Seibi Home a better place for orphaned Japanese children.

The first day after two weeks of artillery live-fire training at ranges near Camp Fuji, 32 Marines from the Okinawa-based 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment put away their howitzers, rolled up their sleeves and went to work Sept. 20. Weathered playground equipment needed paint, leaves needed to be raked and a section of dry-rotted flooring needed to be replaced.

The Marines did it all.

Volunteer projects are not easy, but it's the kind of duty that gives the Marines a strong sense of contribution to those who need a helping hand, said Lt. Richard W. Johnston, a Navy chaplain assigned to 3/12.

"For the Marines, they usually see it as another working party," Johnston said. "But by the end of the day, they see the results of their work and realize how it contributes to someone's life. It also helps put a human face on what we're doing over here."

The volunteering started many years ago, after

World War II, when Marines first came to play with the war-orphaned children at Seibi Home. There were plenty of orphans left over after the fighting ended in 1945; at least 150, according to Sister Hase Kawashimo who is one of 11 nuns who live and work at the Catholic home.

Today there are far fewer, she said. She attributes that to the birth rate in Japan, which has been declining over the past few decades. But kids still come to the home. The Seibi Home in Tokyo sends groups of 30 to 40 children to stay at the Yamanaka Seibi Home during the summer months and also Christmas vacation, she said.

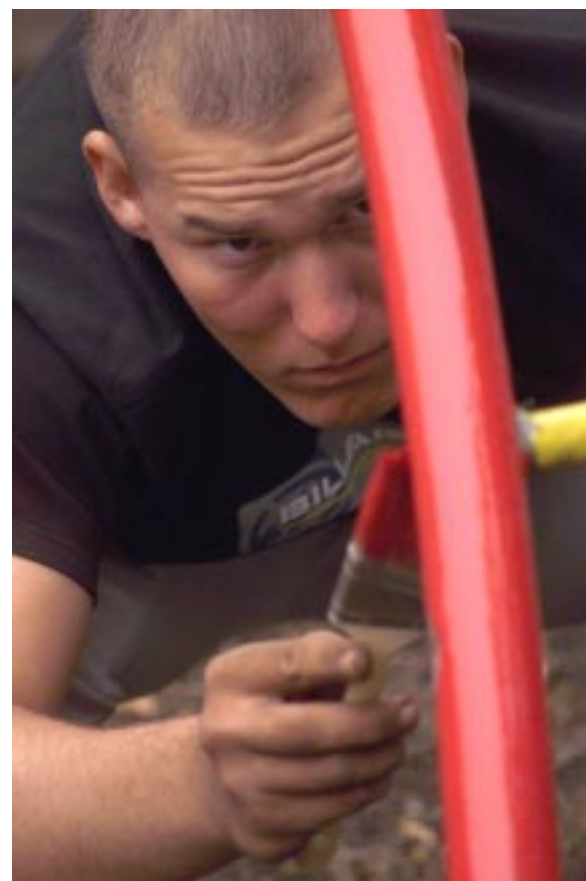
The last time orphans lived year-round at the Seibi Home was 1997, Kawashimo said. Marines visited every Saturday, playing games with the children and helping with various projects around the home, she said.

Even though the orphans no longer live at the home, neighborhood kids come here every day after school to study English, mathematics and piano at the home. Weekly mass — held every Sunday inside the chapel, which Marines built in 1958 — attracts an average of 30 Japanese Catholics from Yamanaka.

The 3/12 Marines who volunteered during the most recent visit said they don't mind working for such a good cause.

"I have two kids of my own, and if something ever happened to me, it feels good knowing there are places like this that take care of kids," said Sgt. Ulysses A. Grant, a cannoneer who has a 4-year-old son and a 5-year-old daughter. "I just can't imagine what it's like for kids to not have parents."

"It is good because we're providing a cleaner place for the kids to play in and we're working to make the grounds more beautiful," said Cpl. Chris



Pfc. James S. Uyttewaal, a cannoneer assigned to the Okinawa-based 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, helps put a fresh coat of paint on playground equipment at the Yamanaka Seibi Home in Yamanaka, Japan, Sept. 20.



Marine volunteers built the chapel at the Yamanaka Seibi Home in Yamanaka, Japan, in August 1958. The Marines still volunteer for renovation and clean-up projects at the home.

J. Veldhuizen, a cannoneer who helped strip rust from playground equipment and repaint it.

"We're adopting more than just the compound, we're adopting the kids too," Veldhuizen said.

The Marines realize their volunteer efforts are also important to showing Japanese residents the positive side of their deployments to Camp Fuji, a point frequently left out when local press report on Marine units from Okinawa that come here to train.

"It helps our relationship between our military forces and the Japanese," Grant said. "It makes a statement and shows the good things that we do."

"It helps people see that there is cooperation and that our people care," Johnston said.





LANCE CPL. JAMES S. MCGREGOR

Beth Hanneman wrestles Chris Stearns in the 119-129 pound weight class. This was the first time females were allowed to take part in the open wrestling tournament at Camp Hansen.

# Hansen hosts freestyle wrestling tournament

LANCE CPL. JAMES S. MCGREGOR  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP HANSEN** —Thirty-five Marines gathered at the Hansen House of Pain Sept. 22 for a tournament in freestyle wrestling and a chance to be the best wrestler on the rock.

Freestyle wrestling has become popular all over camps throughout Okinawa for the wide variety of competition.

There are always a variety of people competing in these tournaments, said Ken K. Wetherill, athletic director, Camp Hansen Athletics. Wetherill has served as the tournament director for three years, and he has seen high school students and Marines of all experiences and abilities compete in various tournaments.

"Each camp has one in the season, and there's some college level and international level of talent," Wetherill said.

"I was expecting less people," said Derek A. Defranco, who wrestled in the 214-275 pound weight class. "The turnout was more than I thought it would be. There was a lot more vigorous competing than I expected, and I like the competition."

Unlike other tournaments, this open tournament gave Marines of all abilities the opportunity to do more than compete for a place or a trophy.

"Everyone is here for fun," said Donavan G. Bender, who also wrestled in the 214-275 pound weight class. "In a way I'm serious about this competition because I want to do well."

Another benefit of the tournament was the opportunity to have fun while doing something active.

"This is good recreation for Marines," Wetherill said. "They work hard during the week, and they need an outlet. A lot of these Marines have wrestled their whole life, and they shouldn't give up their hobbies. Also, Marines are bettering themselves with this and finding a good way to pass the time."

The tournament was so popular with the competitors that some said there should be a league that allows them to have practices and compete in more tournaments. The Marines would use these tournaments to better their abilities, move up to bigger tournaments or just continue in a hobby they have practiced throughout their life.



Wrestlers struggle for advantage during an open wrestling tournament at the House of Pain Sept. 22.

"A lot of younger Marines wrestled in high school, and now they don't have much opportunity for it," Wetherill said. "These tournaments provide that opportunity for those who want to wrestle for fun. Also, it's good preparation for the all-Marine tryouts."

Some of the competitors valued the tournament for reasons other than just preparation for a larger event.

"They should have leagues here besides the Marine Corps team," Bender said. It would be nice to have practices. I think it would be popu-

lar. It's excellent what MCCS does, putting out all different events. It keeps Marines in shape and busy."

"It would be good to take people from units all over to compete and represent their battalions," Defranco said.

"It would also benefit those competitors who seek to improve their skills against more experienced wrestlers."

"It gets the ability up for the ones just there for fun when they wrestle against the lifers. They learn more from losing than anything else," Defranco concluded.



# Festival drums up local color



Eisa folk dancers beat their paranku drums while performing a traditional dance for the crowd at the Okinawa City Athletic Park during the 46th annual All-Okinawa Eisa Festival.

## Dancers crowd park for All-Okinawa Eisa Festival

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**OKINAWA CITY** - Synchronized dancing, drumming and chanting filled the air at the Okinawa City Athletic Park during the 46th annual All-Okinawa Eisa Festival Sept. 15 and 16.

Throughout the weekend, groups of men and women performed Eisa folk dancing to tunes played on the sanshin, a traditional three-stringed guitar.

The men and women shouted 'Eisa' while dancing and playing small paranku drums, which are about the size of a tambourine, and larger drums that drummers could barely get their arms around.

Each year, many groups of Okinawan dancers travel to the park to show off their colorful dancing. The spectacle of vivid costumes and bright contrasting colors provided a treat for the eyes.

"The dancers' costumes have so much color to them that they could be spotted a mile off," said Sgt. Jason R. Richards, motor transportation operator, 3rd Transportation Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group. "I wouldn't mind having one of their costumes myself."

Eisa is a traditional folk performing art throughout Okinawa and is said to date back to the 17th century, according to an Okinawan information guide. Eisa is also well known all over Japan as a heroic and traditional dance form that conveys the spirit of Okinawa. Although it can be seen throughout all the islands, it flourishes in Okinawa City and in the central part of Okinawa.

As dancers performed in the streets and alleys around the Okinawa City Athletic Park, they offered comfort to the spirits of local families and prayed for health and prosperity.

The festival also featured all types of Okinawan food and drinks, and children had the opportunity to win various toys and prizes by competing in a variety of games.

Open to everyone islandwide, the festival served to bring people together and improve community involvement between Americans and Okinawans, according to Richards. It turned into another opportunity to introduce the Americans to Okinawan culture.

"It's great to be able to participate in the same events as the Okinawan community because it gives



An Eisa folk dancer sings and dances while playing his drum at the Okinawa City Athletic Park during the 46th annual All-Okinawa Eisa Festival Sept. 15.

us the chance to understand more about their culture and beliefs," Richards said. "It also lets me introduce my family to the Okinawa culture."

The festival brought out an overwhelming number of attendees and spectators. For the Americans who attended, it served as another opportunity to gather stories and good times from a different part of the world.

"This event was perfect for me and my family because we have had such a good time today," Richards said. "It's a shame I won't be here next year to attend, but I will always have the memories of a fun day at the park that I spent with my family."



Four Eisa folk singers chant songs to the spirits of Okinawa while playing a three-stringed instrument called the sanshin.





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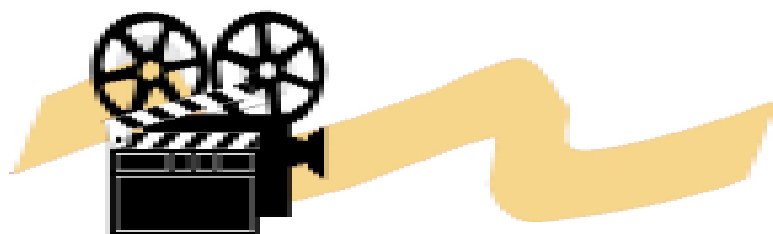


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**Sun** A.I.: Artificial Intelligence (PG13); 6:00  
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**Fri** Jeepers Creepers (R); 6:00, 9:00  
**Sat** Jeepers Creepers (R); 6:00, 9:00  
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**Thu** Kiss of the Dragon (R); 7:00

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**Mon** Closed  
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**Sun** The Glass House (PG13); 5:30  
**Mon** Pootie Tang (PG13); 7:00  
**Tue** Pootie Tang (PG13); 7:00  
**Wed** Kiss of the Dragon (R); 7:00  
**Thu** Kiss of the Dragon (R); 7:00

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**Fri** Rock Star (R); 7:00, 10:00  
**Sat** Cats & Dogs (PG); 1:00, 4:00  
**Sat** Rock Star (R); 7:00, 10:00  
**Sun** Cats & Dogs (PG); 1:00, 4:00  
**Sun** Kiss of the Dragon (R); 7:00  
**Mon** Kiss of the Dragon (R); 7:00

**Tue** Kiss of the Dragon (R); 7:00  
**Wed** Pootie Tang (PG13); 7:00  
**Thu** The Glass House (PG13); 7:00

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**Sat** A.I.: Artificial Intelligence (PG13); 6:00  
**Sun** Shrek (PG); 1:30  
**Sun** Pearl Harbor (PG13); 6:00  
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